SAUGET AREA 2 SITE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

The purpose of this Cooperative Agreement ("CA") is to provide technical support to U.S. EPA during an environmental investigation that will be performed at the Sauget Area 2 Site ("Site"). Pursuant to an Administrative Order by Consent ("AOC") entered by U.S. EPA and twenty Respondents ("PRPs"), PRPs have agreed to perform a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") for the Site. U.S. EPA has the lead role in both enforcement and technical oversight issues pursuant to this Site.

Illinois EPA has designated the following individual as the State Remedial Project Manager for the Site:

Candy R. Morin (now Sandra Bran)
National Priorities List Unit
Bureau of Land
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/785-9397

The work to be performed under this CA is listed below as tasks A - E:

A. Oversight Assistance During Site Investigation Activities

Illinois EPA will provide oversight assistance to U.S. EPA relative to Site investigation activities. This assistance includes, but is not limited to, technical oversight of PRPs' sampling activities, assistance to U.S. EPA in sampling activities U.S. EPA elects to perform on its own initiative, technical oversight of investigation activities initiated by other PRPs or other parties, and technical assistance to U.S. EPA's oversight contractor.

B. Review and Comment on Draft RI/FS Report

Illinois EPA will review and comment on all draft RI/FS documents that are generated pursuant to the AOC. Written comments on these documents will be provided to U.S. EPA relative to the preliminary identification of State applicable or relevant and appropriate requirements ("ARARs"), and overall correctness. If applicable, Illinois EPA will also review and provide comments on other investigations that may be performed for the duration of this CA.

C. Review and Comment on Proposed Plan and Record of Decision Documents

Illinois EPA will review U.S. EPA's Proposed Plan and Record of Decision and provide written comments to U.S. EPA. Prior to the submittal of the Proposed Plan, Illinois EPA will provide a final listing of State ARARs and indicate the State's support for U.S. EPA's selected remedy.

D. Community Relations Support

Illinois EPA will provide community relations support to U.S. EPA for the duration of this CA.

This community relations support will include, but may not be limited to, providing comments on draft fact sheets and press releases, attending public meetings and availability sessions, attending meetings with local elected officials and community leaders, and responding to Congressional inquiries. This task will also include Illinois EPA's coordination with media inquiries.

E. Project Management Support

The Illinois EPA remedial project manager will provide general project management support to assure that deliverable reviews and other special requests by U.S. EPA are addressed. Specific duties of this task include reviewing PRPs' monthly reports, coordinating with other Illinois EPA staff (attorneys, community relations coordinators, ARAR reviewers) for duties specific to this CA, preparing briefings for senior management, and preparing semi-annual progress reports for U.S. EPA. Other special requests will be completed as deemed appropriate by agreement between the Illinois EPA and U.S. EPA.

sgtarea2\coagrmt12.00